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SPRINGFIELD KY's MAIN STREET VIBRANT & ON THE MOVE

Development of downtown Springfield is truly a community project. Recent successes have been due to the commitment to Main Street development by citizens, city/county government initiatives and support from the Kentucky Main Street Program. Since 2001, downtown Springfield has witnessed the following success stories:

- Invested over 7.6 million dollars in the historic four block downtown district, including renovation of the 1900 Opera House.
- The Opera House houses Children's Theatre—the only theatre of its type in central Kentucky. Community Theatre opened in 2008 with its first production, *Nonsense*.
- Upper-scale restaurant opened its doors in 2005! Recruited through city's RFP, *Mordecai's on Main* caters to people throughout central Kentucky. Named after President Lincoln's uncle, residents have also learned much about their Lincoln heritage! *Snappy Tomato Pizza* opened in 2008 in one of Springfield's most historic and unique downtown buildings. These venues join the oldest eating establishment in Springfield, *Cecconi's Restaurant*. Since 1937, Cecconi's has been selling the best pies in Kentucky!
- City of Springfield Main Street hosts two festivals annually: Independence Day Celebration and the Annual African American Heritage Festival. Both are day festivals that feature parades, free concerts, educational programs, games and lots of people and fun!
- Currently under construction, an 11 million dollar Judicial Center is being built on Main Street across from the 1816 Courthouse. A statue of President Abraham Lincoln has been commissioned for the front entrance of the new Judicial Center.
- Plans are underway to convert Main Street's most historic structure, the Courthouse (circa 1816) into a Lincoln Museum. The marriage documents of President Lincoln's parents were located in this courthouse in 1888—finally putting to rest the rumors of Lincoln's illegitimacy!
- Is Springfield KY “the home of the Simpson's”? 20th Century Fox contacted city officials in February 2007 invited the city to participate with 14 other Springfield's in the nation to claim the name to the popular TV sitcom that is watched in 87 countries. Springfield KY did not win, but was very competitive.

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